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In re Patent Application of:  
Dagum et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
OPTIMIZING A MULTIVARIATE  
ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

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Examiner: B. Van Doren

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.